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1. DURING ISRAELI MINISTER BAR-ON'S CALL FEBRUARY 17 ON ACTING SECRETARY HARTMAN (WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE ALSO PRESENT), HARTMAN RAISED QUESTION OF ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL AND ASKED WHAT WERE THE PROSPECTS FOR THIS YEAR. BAR-ON REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT INFORMED AS TO THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE ROMANIANS ON ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION IN 1977. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WERE ARRIVED AT THROUGH "OTHER CHANNELS."

2. HARTMAN MENTIONED OUR DIFFICULTY IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION PROBLEM FOR LACK OF PRECISE INFORMATION AND, REFERRING TO OUR PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN GETTING SOME IDEA FROM ISRAELI SOURCES ABOUT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROMANIAN JEWS WHO HAD STATED A CLEAR DESIRE TO EMIGRATE AND THE NUMBER EXPECTED TO EMIGRATE IN 1977. BAR-ON SAID THE WHOLE QUESTION WAS A RATHER "THORNY" ONE BUT HE WOULD TRY TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
HARTMAN

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